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SUBJECT VEB Schwermaschinenbau "S.M.Kirow",
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a report concerning the VEB
Schwermaschinenbau (heavy machinery factory) "S.M.Kirow", Leipzig.

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1. 1957 Plan Realization: The Economic Plan was exceeded; 102.3 percent of the quota was attained. The Finance Plan was not realized. The document contains an itemization of the approximate deficits in several accounting categories. The total deficit for 1957 was about 4,000,000 DME. This is compared with the total deficit of the Kirow-Werke's sister enterprise, the VEB Vereinigte Transportanlagenbau (VTA - formerly the Bleichert Werk), Leipzig, which amounted to approximately 10,000,000 DME.

2. 1958 Plan Year:

- a. New Production. The plant developed a 5-ton rail rotary crane (Schienendrehkran). This crane was exhibited at the Leipzig Spring Fair in 1958 and attracted the interest of Polish, Czech, and Soviet representatives, although no firm orders were received.
- b. General Production Situation. Statistics concerning production during the early part of 1958 are given. The enterprise was forced to pay 1,500,000 DME for Warteseiten (the time when the employees are idle because there is no work for them to do) during January - February 1958. Nonavailability of material is given as the reason for the Warteseiten.
- c. Status of Orders. In addition to the crane mentioned above, there were orders for 7 hoists (Aufsuege), four of which were for the USSR and the remainder for East Germany. There were no changes in the production of cranes. The enterprise contracted, within the framework of "Socialist Assistance", to reconstruct a conveyor bridge in the Lauchhammer area. The bridge had collapsed on 22 February 1958 and, as a result, six briquette factories in the area had had to be virtually shut down. The

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bridge is to be reconstructed by 1960. In the meanwhile, coal mining in the Klettwitz region is being done manually, by means of small steam shovels which have been obtained from other mines. Students have been brought in to work. As a result, the six briquette factories are able to resume production.

3. Personnel Situation: size of labor force; reduction in personnel to 2,800 employees; lack of technical personnel; and other items relating to the personnel situation are described.
4. Material Situation:
 - a. There is a shortage of wood veneer, needed for cabs of hoists.
 - b. There is a continuing lack of rolled material.
 - c. There is a continuing lack of installation material, especially cable suitable for use in damp areas (Feuchtraumkabel).
 - d. The shortage in the field of electrical equipment is not as acute as it has been in the recent past, as a consequence of the slim output during the first quarter of 1958.

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